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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 1278

James A. DiCARLO et al.

Art Unit: 1774

Application No.: 10/601,657

Examiner: Rena Dye

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For: IMPROVED INTERPHASE FOR CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES REINFORCED  
BY NON-OXIDE CERAMIC FIBERS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 13, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, for two month(s) from November 8, 2006, to January 8, 2007.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1240.00) to cover the cost of the extension fee. In the event that this check is found to be insufficient, or if any additional fees are due with respect to the filing of this paper, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account Number 50-2222.

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